

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] Context manager 26 manages the connection context 20 for each connection. Connection context 20 is essentially a data structure that stores data pertaining to the particular connection. For instance, it includes bits, flags and/or data indicating: that a request has been made to send an immediate or delayed ACK; that a delayed ACK is to expire; that a transmission shutdown command occurred; how much ULP data is available; timer information; window information; retransmission information; etc.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] Requests to send an immediate ACK, delayed ACK, or window update 40 are handled as follows. Transmit request handler 12 moves the connection to the ready queue 18 if an immediate ACK was requested, or ~~[[it]]~~ if too many bytes of data are unacknowledged. Transmit request handler 12 moves the connection to the pending queue 16 if the ACK should be delayed. When a request to send a window update is received, the appropriate connection context 20 is set and the connection is moved to the ready queue 18